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FOIPA Request No.: 1426806-000
Subject: POSEY, BILL (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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January 24, 2019

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DEPT MR 60157
411A HIGHLAND AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144-2516

FOIPA Request No.: 1426805-000
Subject: MURPHY, STEPHANIE (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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DEPT MR 60157
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FOIPA Request No.: 1426804-000
Subject: DESANTIS, RON (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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January 24, 2019

MUCKROCK NEWS
DEPT MR 60157
411A HIGHLAND AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144-2516

FOIPA Request No.: 1426807-000
Subject: SOTO, DARREN (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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January 24, 2019

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FOIPA Request No.: 1426809-000
Subject: WEBSTER, DANIEL (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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January 24, 2019

MUCKROCK NEWS
DEPT MR 60157
411A HIGHLAND AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144-2516

FOIPA Request No.: 1426813-000
Subject: CASTOR, KATHY (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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January 24, 2019

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DEPT MR 60157
411A HIGHLAND AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144-2516

FOIPA Request No.: 1426814-000
Subject: ROSS, DENNIS (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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January 24, 2019

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FOIPA Request No.: 1426812-000
Subject: CRIST, CHARLIE (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

January 23, 2019

MUCKROCK NEWS
DEPT MR 60157
411A HIGHLAND AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144-2516

FOIPA Request No.: 1426419-000
Subject: BLUNT ROCHESTER, LISA
(Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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January 22, 2019

MUCKROCK NEWS
DEPT MR 60157
411A HIGHLAND AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144-2516

FOIPA Request No.: 1426411-000
Subject: COFFMAN, MIKE (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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January 24, 2019

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January 23, 2019

MUCKROCK NEWS
DEPT MR 60157
411A HIGHLAND AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144-2516

FOIPA Request No.: 1426418-000
Subject: ESTY, ELIZABETH (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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January 22, 2019

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SOMERVILLE, MA 02144-2516

FOIPA Request No.: 1426412-000
Subject: PERLMUTTER, ED (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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FOIPA Request No.: 1426421-000
Subject: GAETZ, MATT (Threats against members of Congress between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2017)

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Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. The FBI has completed its search for records responsive to your request. Below you will also find informational paragraphs relevant to your request. Please read each item carefully.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a search of the Central Records System, to include any Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records. We were unable to identify any main file records responsive to your request and; therefore, your request is being administratively closed. It was determined that a reference search for this aggregated request is unduly burdensome. If you have additional information pertaining to the subject of your request, please submit a new request providing us with such details, and we will conduct an additional search.

Please be advised per standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010). This response is limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following web site: https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the FBI Fact Sheet and Explanation of Exemptions.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure

FBI FACT SHEET

- **The primary functions of the FBI are national security and law enforcement.**
- **The FBI does not keep a file on every citizen of the United States.**
- **The FBI was not established until 1908 and we have very few records prior to the 1920s.**
- **FBI files generally contain reports** of FBI investigations of a wide range of matters, including counterterrorism, counter-intelligence, cyber-crime, public corruption, civil rights, organized crime, white collar crime, major thefts, violent crime, and applicants.
- ***The FBI does not issue clearances or deny clearances for anyone other than its own personnel or persons having access to FBI facilities.*** Background investigations for security clearances are conducted by many different Government agencies. Persons who received a clearance while in the military or employed with some other government agency should contact that entity. Most government agencies have websites which are accessible on the internet which have their contact information.
- **An identity history summary check or "rap sheet" is NOT the same as an "FBI file."** It is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and related documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization or military service. The subject of a "rap sheet" may obtain a copy by submitting a written request to FBI CJIS Division – Summary Request, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, WV 26306. Along with a specific written request, the individual must submit a new full set of his/her fingerprints in order to locate the record, establish positive identification, and ensure that an individual's records are not disseminated to an unauthorized person. The fingerprint submission must include the subject's name, date and place of birth. There is a required fee of $18 for this service, which must be submitted by money order or certified check made payable to the Treasury of the United States. A credit card payment option is also available. Forms for this option and additional directions may be obtained by accessing the FBI Web site at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks.
- **The National Name Check Program (NNCP)** conducts a search of the FBI's Universal Index (UNI) to identify any information contained in FBI records that may be associated with an individual and provides the results of that search to a requesting federal, state or local agency. Names are searched in a multitude of combinations and phonetic spellings to ensure all records are located. The NNCP also searches for both "main" and "cross reference" files. A main file is an entry that carries the name corresponding to the subject of a file, while a cross reference is merely a mention of an individual contained in a file. A search of this magnitude can result in several "hits" on an individual. In each instance where UNI has identified a name variation or reference, information must be reviewed to determine if it is applicable to the individual in question.
- **The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS)** searches for records and provides copies of FBI documents responsive to Freedom of Information or Privacy Act (FOIPA) requests for information. RIDS provides responsive documents to requesters seeking "reasonably described information." For a FOIPA search, the subject's name, event, activity, or business is searched to determine whether there is an associated investigative file. This is called a "main file search" and differs from the **NNCP** search.

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EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.